



Panhandle Telecommunication Systems, Inc.

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Chief Executive Officer

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To: Federal Communications Commission

From: Panhandle Telecommunication Systems, Inc.

Re: Forbearance Notification

WC Docket No. 11-42 – Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization

Panhandle Telecommunication Systems, Inc. (PTSI), Study Area Codes 439008 and 439032, hereby notifies the FCC that it is availing itself of the forbearance relief granted by the *Lifeline Modernization Order*¹ from the obligation to offer Lifeline-supported broadband Internet access service. PTSI elects this forbearance relief for the entirety of its service area where it is designated as a competitive eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) in Oklahoma. What follows is the information the Wireline Competition Bureau has requested in these notifications.²

1. *Carrier Name*: Panhandle Telecommunication Systems, Inc.

2. *ETC Designation Information*

- a. *ETC Designation Order*: Oklahoma Corporation Commission; Application of Panhandle Telecommunication Systems, Inc. for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996; Cause No. PUD 200300690; Order No. 495215; Final Order Adopting the Report of the Administrative Law Judge; September 21, 2004.
- b. *Designating Authority*: Oklahoma Corporation Commission

¹ *Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization et al.*, WC Docket No. 11-42 et al., Third Report and Order, Further Report and Order, and Order on Reconsideration, 31 FCC Rcd 3962 (2016).

² *Wireline Competition Bureau Provides Guidance Regarding Filing Procedures for Eligible Telecommunications Carriers Seeking to Invoke Forbearance Granted by Lifeline Modernization Order*, Public Notice, WC Docket No. 11-42, DA 16-1316 (rel. Nov. 22, 2016).

- c. *Type of Designation:* High-cost support recipient (*i.e.*, not Lifeline-only)
 - d. *Date of ETC Designation:* September 21, 2004
- 3. *Areas Where ETC Seeks Forbearance:* The Excel file that accompanies this notification contains a list of the census blocks, in numerical order by FIPS code, where PTSI is availing itself of forbearance relief. These census blocks collectively make up the entirety of PTSI's ETC-designated service area in Oklahoma.
 - 4. *Information on Areas Where Carrier Elects to Offer Broadband:* Notwithstanding the forbearance relief PTSI is availing itself of throughout its ETC-designated area in Oklahoma, the company intends to offer Lifeline-supported broadband service throughout the territory.

Please feel free to contact me at 580-338-2556 or shawn.hanson@ptci.net if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,



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